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Attachments: OCSPP Bi-Weekly Lead Region Update 10_21 to 11_3_19.docx

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Good Day,

It's [National](#) and [International](#) Lead Poisoning Prevention Week! Read about these activities and more in the OCSPP Lead Region Updates/Reminders attached and pasted below.

This is the first bi-weekly since the lead region transition so there are some additional items included. Please feel free to send me any information for the next issue (Nov. 4-17).

To view the September 2019 sub-lead report, please click [here](#).

Sincerely,
Beth

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OCSP Lead Region Updates/Reminders Oct. 21- Nov. 3, 2019

Updates

- **National Program Guidance (NPG)** In September, Regions 2 and 3 as outgoing/incoming Lead Region for OCSPP had a call with OCIR/OCFO to discuss regional input on how best to improve the relevance and usefulness of the National Program Guidance. The overall feedback is that the NPG is useful, and some recommendations are that the NPG contain all OCSPP's programs (P2, lead, PCBs) in order to maintain programmatic continuity and that the NPG have a greater emphasis on identifying strategies, program priorities and activities at the national level in addition to the regional level. The results of the interviews will be shared and discussed at the November EMC meeting.
- **National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (NLPPW)** This year's NLPPW is Oct. 20-26, 2019 and highlights the many ways parents can reduce their children's exposure to lead and prevent the serious health effects of lead. EPA, along with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), works to raise awareness, provide resources, and encourage preventive actions to decrease childhood lead exposure during the week and beyond. There are promotional [materials](#) available and EPA will kick off the [webinar series](#) on Oct 22 at 11am on the [Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule \(RRP\)](#), Mike Wilson from the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention is presenting.
- **Dust-Lead Hazard Standards** On June 21, 2019, EPA issued a [final rule](#) to revise the dust-lead hazard standards for lead in dust on floors and window sills. The new standards, effective 180 days after publication in the Federal Register (January 6, 2020), will be lowered from 40 µg/ft² and 250 µg/ft² to 10 µg/ft² and 100 µg/ft² on floors and window sills, respectively. Dust-lead standards are an important tool to reduce exposure to lead sources and directly support the December 2018 *Federal Lead Action Plan to Reduce Childhood Lead Exposures and Associated Health Impacts*.
- **Post-Abatement Clearance Levels for Dust-Lead** EPA is considering changes to the [post-abatement clearance levels](#) consistent with the 2018 changes to the dust-lead hazard standards (DLHS) (see above). *The draft rule is anticipated in July 2020 and the final rule in July 2021.*

- **Certification Plan Guidance** The National Certification and Training (C&T) Workgroup comprised of regional and OPP C&T staff and managers, is meeting weekly to work through issues related to the review and approval of revised state and tribal applicator certification plans. These mandatory plan revisions are in response to the 2017 Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule. The state and tribal plan revisions are due March 4, 2020. The regions and OPP then have two years to review and approve the plans. The C&T Workgroup has developed Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that address the Agency's process, requirements, and timelines for EPA review and approval of state and tribal certification plans. FEAD's Certification and Worker Protection branch released the SOP for EPA staff and an accompanying quick reference guide for state lead agencies on October 11, 2019. Currently, the C&T Workgroup is planning a two-day, in-person spring meeting to work through issues discovered during the review process. This meeting will provide regions the ability to work collaboratively with OPP, OGC and each other as they work through issues, and provide for more consistency across the regions.
- **SFIREG Joint Working Committees** On September 23-25, HQ and Region 5 managers and staff attended a joint meeting of the State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation (SFIREG) Joint Working Committees (JWC) for Pesticide Operations & Management and Environmental Quality Issues at Purdue University in Indiana. Agenda topics included the role of POINTS (Pesticides of Interest Tracking System), water-monitoring programs, pesticide devices used in hospitals, and a focus on midwestern state's dicamba issues and new academic research published in peer-reviewed journals. SFIREG's next full meeting will take place in December 9-10 at Potomac Yards. The September SFIREG JWC agenda and presentation materials will be available on SFIREG's website at <https://aapco.org/2015/07/29/working-committees/>.
- **Competitive Grant Opportunity to Support the TPPC.** The Field and External Affairs Division (FEAD) is soliciting applications to provide technical support for the Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC). The TPPC is a tribal technical resource, program, and policy development dialogue group, focused on pesticide issues and concerns. TPPC is composed of authorized representatives from federally recognized tribes, tribal governments, and intertribal organizations. The total funding for the 5-year period of the cooperative agreement is \$975,000. Proposals are due by November 20. Additional information is available on www.grants.gov under Funding Opportunity Announcement EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-003. The current cooperative agreement with the University of California-Davis, is set to expire on September 30, 2020. The new selected grantee is expected to begin work on October 1, 2020.
- **Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)**
 - The TRI Program continues to work closely with each region as they reach out to specific TRI-covered facilities regarding possible data quality errors with the toxic chemical release and other waste management amounts facilities reported, by July 1, to EPA's TRI Program pursuant to section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 and section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act (PPA) of 1990.
 - The TRI Program is currently working on the development of the annual TRI National Analysis (NA), which includes trend and other analyses and serves as EPA's interpretation of the latest year of TRI reporting. The upcoming TRI NA will focus on the calendar year 2018 TRI data reported to the Agency by July 1, 2019. We expect to publish the 2018 TRI NA in January 2020.

- The TRI Program is currently working with OMB on an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to consider the addition of certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to the TRI Chemical List in accordance with the Agency's PFAS Action Plan (<https://wcms.epa.gov/pfas/epas-pfas-action-plan>).

REMINDERS

- Potential RDD/OSCPP In-Person Meeting Dates: Feb. 4-6; 25-27 in Dallas, TX
- Due **November 4th**: FY19 EOY/FY20 measures
 - FY19 EOY data in spreadsheet for CORE, RSP2, TRI measure
 - FY20 Bids for TRI measure in BFS

UPCOMING CALLS/MEETINGS

Date	Topic	Location
Oct 21– 24	Tribal/EPA Region 9 Conference	Maricopa, AZ
Oct 22 – 23	EPA R10 State Lead Agency & Tribal C&T Meeting	Vancouver, WA
Oct. 22: 8:30AM (EST)	Weekly OSCPP Leadership Meeting	VTC/Call
Oct. 22	Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC): Peer Review: EPA Draft Risk Evaluation of MC, NMD	Meeting
Oct. 22, 29: 2PM (EST)	Monthly TRI Enforcement	Call
Oct. 24, 31: 12:30 (EST)	Weekly HQ-Region Certification Plan Workgroup	Call
Oct 24	R2 Pre-SFIREG	Call
Oct 29 – 30	R4 Pre-SFIREG	Decatur, GA
Oct 30 - 31	<u>Federal Environmental Symposium</u>	Bethesda, MD
Nov 5 – 6	Pesticides Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC) Advisory Board Meeting	St. Louis, MO
Dec. 2	SACC: Peer Review for EPA Draft Risk Evaluation of Asbestos, and Carbon Tet	Meeting
Dec. 9 - 10	<u>State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group (SFIREG)</u>	Potomac Yards

UPCOMING WEBINARS/TRAININGS

Oct. 22: 11AM (EST)	<u>Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule (RRP)</u>	Webinar
Oct. 22: 2PM (EST)	<u>Primary Prevention Protects – Working with Residents to Get Their Homes Checked for Lead</u>	Webinar
Oct. 23: 11AM (EST)	<u>Consumer Outreach Ideas for Lead Programs</u>	Webinar
Oct. 23: 2PM (EST)	<u>Amulets to Zaprana: Non-Paint Sources of Lead</u>	Webinar
Oct. 23: 1PM (EST)	OPPT Knowledge Series: <u>An Overview of the Lead Dust Hazard Standard</u>	Training DCEast6122/Call
Oct. 24: 2PM (EST)	<u>HUD's Lead Paint Safety Field Guide</u>	Webinar

PERSONNEL UPDATES*: Organizational charts are available [here](#)

- R1: Stephanie Carr, RCRA Corrective Action & TSCA Section Chief (Acting), LCRD
- R2: Susan Schulz, Chemicals & Multi-Media Branch, LCRD
- R5: Ed Nam, Regional Division Director LCRD
- R5: Tony Martig, TSCA & Pesticides Section Chief, LCRD
- R6: Robert Lushek Pesticides & Toxics Section Chief, LCRD
- R7: DeAndre Singletary: Regional Division Director, LCRD (Acting)

- R8: Mark Smith: Regional Division Director, LCRD
 - HQ: Joel Wolf: Director, Chemical Control Division, OPPT (Acting)
 - HQ: Robert Courtange: Associate Branch Chief, Fibers and Organics Branch, NPCD, OPPT
- *Send personnel updates to Beth Garcia

EPA NEWS RELEASES

- October 17: [EPA Announces the October 28, 2019 FIFRA SAP Preparatory Virtual Meeting](#)
- October 17: [EPA offers Guide to Help Translate Pesticide Safety information into Spanish](#)
- October 15: [EPA Makes Paraquat Draft Risk Assessments Available for Public Comment](#) for 60 days until December 16.
- October 7: [EPA Proposes Registration of New Rodenticide](#)
- October 2: [EPA Proposes Plan to Ensure Effectiveness of Hospital Disinfectants, Help Reduce Infection, and Increase Patient Safety](#)
- October 1: EPA published a list of updated pesticide registration service fees [Revised PRIA Fee Schedule for Pesticide Registration Applications Effective October 1, 2019](#)
- For more pesticide news sign up [here](#).

FINAL RULES/ACTIONS OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Federal Register	Topics	Public Comment Close
2019-21539	Final Rule: Time-limited Tolerances Established for Thiamethoxam and Clothianidin on Rice	
2019-21542	Final Rule: New Tolerances Established for Cyromazine	
2019-21541	Final Rule: Import Tolerance for Chlorantraniliprole on Palm Oil	
2019-21715	Final Rule: New Tolerances Established for Indaziflam	
9998-18	NoA: Pesticides; Interim Process for Evaluating Potential Synergistic Effects of Pesticides During the Registration Process	10/24/19
9994-46	NPRM: Tolerance Crop Groupings V (SAN 5031)	10/28/19
9995-76	NPRM; Regulation of Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic (PBT) Chemicals under TSCA Section 6(h)	10/28/19 (Extension)
9997-63	Notice: Proposed Low-Priority Substance Designation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Notice of Availability, Request for Comment	11/13/19